

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-24. (canceled)

25. (new) A method of injecting medication into a cavity through a hard tissue having a thickness, comprising:

providing a shaft having (a) a proximal end with a first opening, (b) a distal end with a second opening and a beveled cutting surface, (c) a lumen that extends between the first and second openings, and (d) an open notch disposed in the shaft, and having a length greater than a diameter of the lumen, and (e) an overall length from a distal tip of the cutting surface to a proximal end of the open notch that is greater than the thickness of the hard tissue;

using the cutting surface to drill a hole through the hard tissue, such that drilling debris enters the first opening; and

injecting a medicament into the cavity through the shaft.

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the notch is contiguous with the second opening.

27. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the overall length is about 0.10 to 0.125 inches.

28. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the notch is axially extended from the second opening.

29. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the shaft is substantially smooth.

30. (new) A method of injecting a substance into a bone, comprising:

using a drill bit according to claim 25 to drill a hole in the bone; and

injecting the substance into the proximal opening.

31. (new) The method of claim 30, comprising using a hypodermic needle to inject the substance.

32. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein the substance comprises a medication.

33. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the shaft is disposed in an elongated hub.

34. (new) The drill bit of claim 33, wherein the lumen is extended from proximal and distal ends of the hub.